

Child Support

...can help YOU!

Help is available. Why struggle on your own? Child Support payments will add to your family budget. Without child support payments, it can be really hard to stretch your budget. For your children's sake and for your family's financial future, it's worth finding out how to get child support payments.

Child Support Enforcement Services can help with...

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| ✓ Searching for the other parent |
| ✓ Legally establishing who the father is
...If the man admits he is the father, it may not be necessary to have a court trial to establish paternity. |
| ✓ Getting a court order for child support |
| ✓ Collecting child support/garnishing wages |
| ✓ Enforcing a child support court order |
| ✓ Reviewing and modifying the amount of the court-ordered child support
...You can request a periodic review of the amount of child support that is court ordered.
...Child support orders are automatically reviewed once every three years. |
| ✓ Intercepting tax refunds if child support payments aren't current
...If the parent owes back child support, income tax refunds can be intercepted to help pay what's owed. |
| ✓ Getting health insurance coverage for your child through the other parents' employer
...A court order for child support can require the other parent to obtain health insurance coverage for your child through the parent's employment.
...The amount of the child support may be decreased, if health insurance is obtained. |

Help is available!

You will need to complete an application. You will need to provide as much information as possible to get the best services. The more information you provide, the easier it will be to get the help you need. You don't need a lawyer! The Child Support Enforcement Agency has lawyers who will take your case to court.

What does it cost to get help?

For families who are not receiving Temporary Cash Assistance or Medical Assistance, it only costs \$25.00 to get things started. This is a one-time cost when you send in your application. Modification of child support orders requires an additional fee.

What if the other parent doesn't pay?

If the parent does not pay, does not pay the full amount, or does not pay on time, the enforcement agency can usually get payments taken out of his/her paycheck. The other parent may have to go back to court to explain why he/she is not making payments. The agency can go after the other parent, even if he/she lives in another state.

How do you start?

It's as easy as a phone call. To start on the road to getting the child support you need, call for an application or more information:

- Anne Arundel County Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court
410-222-7878 OR
- Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services 410-269-4563 or 301-261-1756 ext. 4563

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